[TFR 242-1]

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To: Comrade MALININ
Comrade BATITSKIJ

On No. 66533, dated 30 Oct 52

I am reporting: as a result of the trip to Sonchen and the interrogation of the POWs from the downed RB-50/RB-29? by our Chinese comrades, the following has been established: of the 13 crew members on the aircraft, 11 have been taken prisoner. They are. aircraft commander First Lieutenant GARRIS; co-pilot Lieutenant STRIBI; navigator First Lieutenant MORLEND; radar operator First Lieutenant GORAZIL; radio operator Sergeant KOMS; photographer Senior Sergeant DZHOKHANSEN; mid-ship gunner Sergeant KOSKI; gunners Sergeant BASS and Private Second Class KHEHND; flight engineer Senior Sergeant RIVERS and [handwritten over the sentence "Corporal IVERS"]. RIVERS was flying as part of the crew for the first time and is passing himself off as a photo-camera repair specialist. The crew members who died were: nose gunner Sergeant MAST, right side gunner Private First Class OLBRAJT.

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To: Comrade SHALIN

The POW fliers, Lieutenants SMIT [Smith] and KHARVI [Harvey], revealed the following:

1 The American Far East Air Force assets consist of the 5th Air Army [5th Air Force] and bomber aviation DV [Far East Bomber Command].

The 5th Air Army is comprised of up to 15 wings. Of the 15 wings, 6 are ground based fighter wings operating from various airfields; two bomber wings [text cut off when photocopied]. Several wings operate from aircraft carriers.

The standard composition of a wing is two-three aviation groups. A group consists of two-three squadrons.

There are no aviation divisions in the 5th Air Army.

2. The 27th and 51st IBAKR [Fighter-Bomber Aviation Wings] are also part of the 5th Air Army. They are based in Itadzuki;

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To: Comrade SHTEMENKO
Comrade BATITSKIJ

I am reporting:

A B-45 type aircraft was shot down on 4 Dec 50 in an area 70km east of Antung. The aircraft caught fire while in the air and was totally engulfed in flames upon impacting the ground. The crew bailed out and parachuted to the ground. The flier, Captain [redacted] [redacted], was taken prisoner. (b)(3)

The flier provided the following information during the interrogation:

The aircraft was hit at an altitude of 30,000 feet.

The crew, consisting of three personnel, bailed out and parachuted to the ground. The navigator landed and escaped. The status of the radio operator is unknown since he was not seen. The prisoner suffered burns and is currently in serious condition.

The downed RB-45 aircraft belongs to the 363rd Detachment, 5th Squadron.

The detachment is based at Yakoda airfield (Japan).

There are approximately 100 aircraft of various types located at Yakoda airfield, of which only three are RB-45's.

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To: Comrade BATITSKIJ

I am reporting that the flier from the downed B-45 died en route and the interrogation could not be completed.

All available information is being sent.

KRASOVSKIJ

[Two photographs are included in the TFR that show various equipment data plates from an F-84E.]

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by wire

Comrade Batitskiy.

I report that the pilot of the shot-down RB-45 died en route and the interrogation was not completed.

I am sending you the material I have on hand.

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by wire

Comrade Stemenko,
Comrade Batitskomu.

I report:

The B-45 aircraft shot down on 12-4-50 fell in a region 70 km east of Andun. The aircraft caught fire in the air and upon falling to the earth burned up completely The crew bailed out on parachutes. The pilot, [redacted], was taken prisoner. (b)(3)

Under interrogation he said:

The aircraft was shot down at an altitude of 30,000 feet.

The crew numbering 3 persons bailed out on parachutes. The navigator having landed ran off, he did not see where the radio operator landed. The prisoner himself was burned severely and is in a critical condition.

The aircraft that has been shot down is of the RB-45 type and is of the 363rd detachment, 5th squadron.

The detachment is based at Yokoda [Yokota] airfield, Japan.

In all, at the Yokoda [Yokota] airfield, there are up to 100 aircraft of various types including only 3 of the RB-45 type.

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At the other airfields there are no RB-45 aircraft

The RB-45 aircraft is a modified B-45 assigned to aerial reconnaissance. It is different from the B-45 in that it does not have firing weapons and is fitted out with up to 10 air cameras. The RB-45 is now in a test stage.

The RB-45 has 4 jet engines and a maximum speed of 750 km/hr. a practical ceiling of up to 14,000 meters, a radius of up to 1,000 km. In the tail portion of the fuselage is installed a radio locator with a detection of up to 100 km.

Measures have been taken by me for a search of the downed airplanes.

All of the equipment which has been found in good repair, parts and apparatus from the enemy airplanes will be immediately sent to your address.

I request your directives to the advisors located in Korea regarding the rendering of assistance in the search, the preservation and the sending of downed airplanes and parts from them to my address.

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